

46985 to 46999—Continued.

46998. *ICHNANTHUS CALVESCENS* (Nees) Doell. Poaceæ. **Grass.**

"Called *Papuan*, and considered the best forage plant in *Matto Grosso*."

46999. *PASPALUM MULTICAULE* Poir. Poaceæ. **Grass.**

"A good forage annual grown on all soils in *Matto Grosso*."

47000. *CICER ARIETINUM* L. Fabaceæ. **Chick-pea.**

From Mexico. Obtained through Mr. S. W. Augenstein, steward, Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C., from General Alvaro Obregon, Sinaloa, Mexico. Received January 31, 1919.

Chick-peas, or garbanzos, grown on the ranch of Gen. Obregon in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico. Immense quantities of this grain are grown in Mexico and shipped to Spain, where it forms a staple article of food.

47001. *DIOSCOREA ALATA* L. Dioscoreaceæ. **Yam.**

From Florida. Tubers of a yam growing at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Miami. Obtained April 7, 1905, from Mr. H. W. Steadman, Lemon City, Fla. Its previous history is unknown. Numbered for convenience in distribution. Received January, 1919.

"A white-fleshed yam of good quality, suitable for cultivation in southern Florida. It is thought to be identical with the *Agua yam* of the West Indies. The plant has been described as a rampant grower and a good yielder. A single tuber may weigh as much as 15 pounds. This yam may be baked or boiled and prepared in other ways, much like potatoes. It is best to pare before boiling. This variety is more moist than most others and, after boiling, usually may be mashed and beaten without milk. It is ivory white in color, but when beaten, after being boiled and mashed, it becomes nearly pure white." (*R. A. Young*.)

47002 and 47003. *COLOCASIA ESCULENTA* (L.) Schott. Araceæ. **Dasheen.**

Tubers growing at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Brooksville, Fla. Numbered January, 1919, for convenience in recording distribution. Descriptive notes by Mr. R. A. Young.

47002. "*Sacramento*. From Sacramento, Calif. Procured by Mr. Peter Bisset in a Chinese store, under the name of 'China potato.' Received November, 1913. A dasheen similar in leaf characters to the *Trinidad* variety. The name *Sacramento* is given to it because the variety was obtained in that city. As compared with the *Trinidad* dasheen, the *Sacramento* variety has considerably fewer and larger tubers. Both corms and tubers are more regular in form, and when cooked they are generally lighter in color and are not so dry; this variety has much less flavor, however, than the *Trinidad* dasheen."

47003. "*Ventura*. From Ventura, Calif. Presented by Mr. L. B. Hogue, who obtained it several years previously from a local Chinese gardener. Received in March, 1916. The name *Ventura* is given to signify the place whence the variety was obtained. A variety of dasheen similar in general appearance to the *Trinidad* dasheen. The bases of the